

Health Insurance
July 20, 1959

I, the undersigned, wish to make the following complaint:

I was brought into the United States by the Imperial Valley Farmers Association of #1 Centro, Calif. I was assigned to work for Hiroshigi Imai Barth Rd, Brawley, Calif. phone FI4-4813.

I got a swelling in my right groin about Sept. 1956. I entered the Pioneer Memorial Hosp. Brawley, Calif. Sept. 26, 1956 and was discharged Oct. 5, 1956. I was operated on my right groin while in the hospital. I then went back to the ranch which is 18 miles from Brawley. After I left the hospital, I had to go to Dr. Wallace's office every day for dressing of drainage. I had to spend ~~\$1.20~~ \$1.20 every for bus transportation to go to Dr. Wallace's office. Towards the last, I went every three days to the office. This kept up until about Oct. 31, 1956.

I had to pay out \$30.00 for this bus transportation. The boss, Mr. Imai loaned me this money but I had to pay it back to him. I believe that I should not have been discharged from the hospital as long as I had this profuse drainage which required daily dressing. Also, if I was to be discharged with the profuse drainage, I have found out that it was the duty of the employer to take me to the doctor.

Finally, I was out of work for an approximate period of 36 days. Eliminating the first 7 days, I should have received \$10.00 per week for the remaining 29 days or about \$31.00. Therefore, counting the \$31.00 for the weekly disability payment and the \$30.00 for the bus payments, I should have received a check for \$61.00. I have received no check at all.

I have been swindled because no policy ~~was~~ was given me by the ~~Swedish~~ Constitution Life Insurance Co. of Los Angeles. I have just found out from talking to Dr. Yellen of Brawley, Calif. that I am entitled to receive \$10.00 per week when I am disabled by illness. All other workers are swindled likewise because they have no policy or copy of the policy, so that they do not know what the benefits are.

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My number at the time of the operation was L-1592630